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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR UN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY FORCE

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1. PURSUANT TO REF B, ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CONFIRMED EARLIER INDICATION THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL COMPLY WITH U.S. REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING REQUIREMENTS FOR USAF AIRLIFT OPERATING FOR AND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN. ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY APPROVED GOI POSITION.

2. IN COVERSAATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, (ACTING MINISTRY HEAD IN ABSENCE OF MORO AND GAJA) DCM EXPLORED PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN REF C THAT ITALY JOIN WITH THE U.S. IN MUTUAL SUPPORT OF AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT SUPPLY NEEDS. AFTER CONSULTING WITH PRIME MINISTER RUMOR, FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED TO EXPRESSSS ITALIAN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO WORK
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WITH IN THIS EFFORT. LEVEL OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION WILL

HINGE ON CONFIRMATION OF THEIR EXPECTATION THAT EXPENSES FOR OPERATION WILL EVENTUALLY BE BORNE BY UN. MINISTRY OFFICIAL ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT CALL IN ITALIAN AIR FORCE ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON FOR BRIEFING ON SPECIFICS OF WHAT IS DESIRED OF ITALIANS AND HOW BEST TO MESH ITALIAN RESOURCES INTO OVERALL UN EFFORT. WE NOTED THAT UN EFFORT WILL PROBABLY BE COORDINATED OUT OF NEW YORK BUT THAT INITIAL CONTACT IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

3. AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY AMBASSADOR WILL INDICATE TO PRIME MINISTER OUR PLEASURE WITH SWIFT FORTHCOMING ITALIAN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST.

4. REQUEST WASHINGTON KEEP US INFORMED OF SPECIFICS OF WHAT MIGHT BE ASKED OF ITALIANS IN AIRLIFT SUPPORT EFFORT IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY AT THIS END. VOLPE

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